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2022/23 SOUTHEAST ALASKA COMMERCIAL SEA CUCUMBER FISHERY ANNOUNCEMENT

The following areas will be closed for the remainder of the 2022/23 season:

District 1

Revillagigedo Channel and Southern Clarence Strait (Subdistrict 101-21);

Revillagigedo Channel and Felice Strait (Subdistrict 101-23);

District 10

Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands (Subdistricts 110-21 and 22).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 24, 2022:

District 1

Tongass Narrows (Subdistrict 101-47);

District 12

Eastern Chatham Strait, Wilson Cove, Whitewater Bay, and Chaik Bay (Subdistricts 112-18, 19, 80, and 90).

The following areas will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday, October 24, 2022, and from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 25, 2022:

District 1

Willard and Fillmore Inlets (Subdistrict 101-11-002);

George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet (Subdistricts 101-40, 44, 45, 46, and 48);

East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay (Subdistricts 101-51 and 55);

Rudyerd Bay, East Behm Canal, and Walker Cove (Subdistricts 101-51, 60, 71, and 73);

North Behm Canal (Subdistrict 101-80);

District 2

Cholmondeley Sound (Subdistrict 102-40);

Clarence Strait (Subdistrict 102-50);

District 6

Northern Clarence Strait (Subdistricts 106-10, 20, 22, and 25);

District 9

Eastern Baranof Island (Subdistrict 109-20);

District 11

Southern Lynn Canal, East Mansfield Peninsula, and Auke Bay (Subdistrict 111-50);

District 12

Freshwater Bay and Western Chatham Strait (Subdistricts 112-12, 13, and 50);

Howard Bay and Couverden Island area (portions of Subdistricts 112-15 and 61 and 114-25);

District 13

Sitka Sound, Krestof Sound, and Nakwasina Sound (Subdistricts 113-40, 41, 42, and 43);

Hoonah Sound (Subdistricts 113-55, 56, 57, and 58).

For a description of the above areas, please refer to the Southeast Alaska commercial sea cucumber fishery announcement dated August 26, 2022, announcing the open areas and their guideline harvest levels (GHL). The next advisory announcement following this opening will be available on **Thursday, October 27, 2022**.

The Emergency Order corresponding with this announcement is EO 1M2622.

2022/23 Southeast Alaska Sea Cucumber Fishery Statistical Week 43

	Statistical		Harvest	Remaining	
Area Description	Area(s)	GHL	to Date	GHL	
Willard and Fillmore Inlets	101-11-002	52,200	12,441	39,759	
Revilla Channel and S Clarence Strait	101-21	51,300	46,914	CLOSED	
Revilla Channel and Felice Strait	101-23	226,100	215,617	CLOSED	
George Inlet, Bold Island, and Carroll Inlet	101-40,44,45,46,48	187,300	57,209	130,091	
Tongass Narrows	101-47	95,900	49,307	46,593	
East Behm Canal and Smeaton Bay	101-51,55	91,800	***	***	
Rudyerd Bay, E Behm, Walker Cove	101-51,60,71,73	53,600	0	53,600	
North Behm Canal	101-80	73,100	0	73,100	
Cholmondeley Sound	102-40	227,500	43,730	183,770	
Clarence Strait	102-50	111,000	7,563	103,437	
Northern Clarence Strait	106-10,20,22,25	170,700	33,159	137,541	
Eastern Baranof Island	109-20	45,800	***	***	
Pybus Bay and The Brothers Islands	110-21,22	98,800	93,972	CLOSED	
S Lynn Canal, E Manfield, and Auke Bay	111-50	20,900	6,853	14,047	
Freshwater Bay and W Chatham Strait	112-12,13,50	133,400	***	***	
Howard Bay and Couverden Island	112-15,61;114-25	26,900	***	***	
E Chatham, Wilson, Whitewater & Chaik	112-18,19,80,90	42,700	7,861	34,839	
Sitka, Krestof, and Nakwasina Sound	113-40,41,42,43	134,600	***	***	
Hoonah Sound	113-55,56,57,58	118,700	74,862	43,838	
Totals		1,962,300	675,413	1,286,887	

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